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1. Possible Communist strategy in western Europe--According to US Ambassador Kirk in Brussels, Belgian authorities view the Communist offensive in France and present Communist preparations for a wave of labor agitation in Belgium as parts of a general, coordinated effort to create social and political instability in western Europe. US Ambassador Caffery in Paris reports the conviction of Interior Minister Moch that "France is now the battlefield chosen by the Kremlin in an attempt to bring western Europe to its knees." The French Interior Ministry believes that chief Communist efforts in France are now centered on the railways in order to prevent the delivery of Saar coal. The Ministry is hopeful, however, that the attitude of non-Communist unions, combined with firm police action, will prevent a major stoppage.

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(CIA Comment: CIA agrees that the Communists are directing a labor offensive against western Europe as a whole. CIA considers that the major drive is being made in France because it is the most vulnerable country, economically and politically.)

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3. **FRANCE:** Business leaders believe DeGaulle's return certain. US Embassy Paris has been reliably informed that French "big business" circles now consider General De Gaulle's return to power to be certain. The Embassy observes that at present DeGaulle is "the only dynamic rallying point" offered non-Communists. According to the Embassy, many French observers believe that the Communists also desire DeGaulle to come to power in the hope that this event will reunite the proletariat under Communist leadership.

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(CIA Comment: CIA agrees that DeGaulle is beginning to appear as the only possible rallying point for the disunited sectors of the French nation.)

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